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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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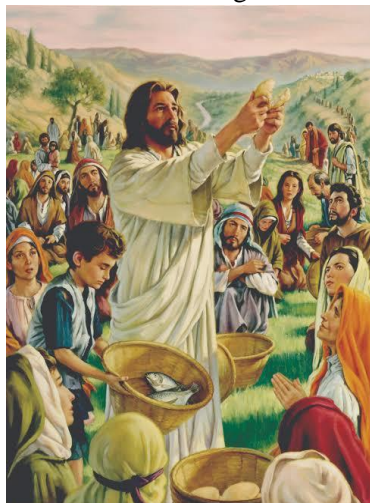
**TODAY MARKS THE FOURTH WORLD DAY
FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**
A Special Welcome To All Our 90-Year-Olds

CONGRATULATIONS

To Fr Godwin who celebrates his 6th Anniversary to the Sacred Priesthood today (28th July).
May the Good Lord continue to bless you with good health and continued service to the priesthood.
We thank you for your ministry to our parish and the wider community. Amen.

GOSPEL REFLECTION- FOSTERING LOVE THROUGH SHARING (Jn 6.1-15)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once related a touching story of a poor Hindu family in Calcutta she visited. The wretched family had been starving for many days. Mother Teresa visited them and brought a big parcel of rice to the mother. She was surprised to see how the mother divided the rice into two equal portions and went out with one bundle to give it to her Moslem neighbour. When she returned, Mother Teresa asked her why she had done such a generous deed. The woman replied: "My family can manage with half the rice in this bag. My neighbour's family has several children and they are also starving." On this 17th Sunday of the year B, the readings invite us to become humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings and resources with our needy brothers and sisters. The **first reading** tells us how the prophet Elisha, by invoking God's power, fed one hundred men with twenty barley loaves out of compassion and generosity. Thus, fulfilling his prophecy: "They will eat and have left over." Today's **Responsorial Psalm** tells us that it is "the hand of the Lord that feeds us," and that it is God who "answers all our needs." In the **second reading**, St. Paul reminds us to be a community and family united by one faith, one baptism and one spirit. He admonished us to cultivate the virtues of Charity, generosity, gentility, complete selflessness, and patience towards one another. Moved by compassion for his flock in **today's gospel**, Jesus replicated the miracle of Elisha by feeding more than five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish. He was sensitive to their situation and need. Christ cares both for our physical and spiritual needs. He feeds us with both His word, and the Holy



Eucharist. We need more people with loaves of bread and fish; the world is in dire need of more men from Baal-Shahanshah and the boy with five loaves of bread and two fish to share the resources of the world, mainly by feeding the hungry. Let us remember that, we shall be chiefly judged based on our generosity and kindness to other. Jesus will definitely ask us, how many people did we give something to eat? How many people did we use our opportunities to assist? (Mtt. 25:14-31) Go today and share with others. There is love in sharing.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY TODAY



Pope Francis in 2021 declared that this special day celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly is to be held on the fourth Sunday of July. This is close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis has themed this year "**Do not cast me off in my old age**" We will be having a celebration to mark especially those who are 90 and over in our parish but will also be remembering and praying for all those who are grandparents and the elderly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Fr. Leo on Monday (29th July). Even though he is not with us in person to celebrate we wish him every happiness and blessings on his special day.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE: Dover to Canterbury 'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 – 2024' Advanced Notice. The Franciscan Family in the UK, based in Surrey, are planning an ecumenical pilgrimage* to Canterbury from Dover to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the landing of the first Franciscans in England, at Dover, on the 10th Sept 1224. Pilgrims are expected from across the country including East Kent. All Christians, of any denomination, are welcome to participate.

Booking details are NOW available on the pilgrimage website. Please go to <http://franciscan-pilgrimage-england-800thanniversary.com/>

Monday 9th September 2024: 4:30pm walk from Dover Beach to St. Edmund's Chapel for evening prayer and a short talk on Early Franciscans and St. Edmund by local parishioner Paul Smye Rumsby. No booking required. **6:30pm dinner at La Salle Verte Café (RSVP needed/cost £11.55pp)** *Nb £1.55 admin charge to be donated to the Filipino poor, a charity supported by this parish.*

Tuesday 10th September 2024: 7:30am Roman Catholic Mass, Dover Beach with Friar Carlos Trovarelli, OFM Conv., Minister General of the Greyfriars and 120th successor to St. Francis of Assisi (rain location at St. Paul Church). RSVP Encouraged.

Followed by – Breakfast of Bacon Baggett or Sausage Sandwich, Tea or Coffee follows at La Salle Verte Café (**RSVP needed/cost £6.13 pp**) *Nb £1.33 admin charge to be donated to the Filipino poor, a charity supported by this parish.*

Booking; If you would like to participate in the pilgrimage dinner and / or breakfast at La Salle Verte Café then please book by going to the pilgrimage website ASAP and by the 23rd August at the very latest <http://franciscan-pilgrimage-england-800thanniversary.com>

If you do not have access to the internet to book the walk to St Edmund's Chapel, Mass on the Beach, Dinner (£11.55pp), and / or Breakfast (£6.13 pp) at La Salle Verte Cafe, then please contact Deacon Barry who will take your booking and payment (07715 546938, barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk).

**Please note that the pilgrimage programme may be subject to change without notification. Deacon Barry.*

PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY 20TH JULY CONNAUGHT PARK

A great time was had by those who attended the Fun Day. Like last year, the sun shone with a background gentle breeze for the 3 hours we attended. Although the numbers were down on last year in respect of children in particular, the adults who attended threw themselves enthusiastically into the 3 major games. Results as follows:

Hat Pétanque; winner Luke Smye-Rumsby.

Stomp Rocket; under 10's winner Rounds 1 and 2, Davide Minciu.

Stomp Rocket; over 10's winner Round 1 women; Clare Morton. Men; Dave McRoberts.

Round 2 Women; Antonia Cridland. Men; Fr Godwin.

Shared picnic food abounded!

A huge thanks to Dave McRoberts, Leader, 13th (Dover) St Paul's Scout Group, who provided and ran all the games; Paul Smye-Rumsby who produced the song sheets and co-led the singing with his son Anthony. To Fr Godwin who opened and closed the event with prayer and Mary, our parish secretary, who was the co-ordinating force behind the scene. See you next year. Deacon Barry. (View more photos on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/>)



ST FINBARR'S CHURCH CLEANING DAY

Our church cleaning exercise at St Finbarr's on Saturday, the 20th of July went very well. Though only a handful of parishioners turned up, we all worked extremely hard to tidy up the church and its environs, not least the children. Many thanks to all those who came out and persevered in the heat. We hope many more parishioners can join in the next one. Thank you again and may God reward all our efforts in Jesus's name Amen.



FATHER JAMIE'S BIRTHDAY MASS AND PARTY- SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST. The parish is invited to celebrate with Fr Jamie his **80th Birthday at the 11am Mass on Sunday 11th August** at St Paul's and immediately following, a party in the hall. St Finbarr's will be having their own celebration on **Sunday 18th August at the 11:15am Mass.** Please come and celebrate our lovely Fr Jamie with us.

DOVER FOOD BANK is currently purchasing at least £2000 of stock each month to make up for the shortfall of donations in the current cost of living crisis. As donations decline by at least 30% we are seeing a 43% increase in people needing to use our service. We urgently need the following items: **Spread; Biscuits; Squash; Pasta sauce; Tinned Vegetables; Tinned Spaghetti; Noodles; Tinned Tomatoes; Cuppa Soup.** To arrange collections and drop-offs of donations please email pmassistant@dover.foodbank.org.uk. Or bring to Unit 7, Charlton Centre, High Street, Dover CT16 1TT. Tue/Wed/Thurs 10am-2pm; Wed. 5pm-7pm; Fri. 9am-11am. **'Share with others'** as the gospel reflection says today. Thank you and God Bless.

FATHER JOHN PANARIO JUBILEE CELEBRATION. The new date for this event, which had to be postponed, is Saturday 21st September. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 12 noon followed by a reception in the church hall. Parishioners from Our Lady's, St. Francis' and The Good Shepherd are invited to join us.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Celebration of St Faustina at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	August onwards 2024	
Fr Jamie's 80 th Birthday Celebration	Sunday 11th August Sunday 18th August	St Paul's, Dover St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Mustard Seeds	Sunday 1 st September	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 3 rd September 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 5 th September	St Paul's, Dover
Fides Meeting	Tuesday 17 th September Wednesday 18 th September 6.40pm for a 7pm start	St Finbarr's, Aylesham St Paul's, Dover
St Finbarr's Feast Day/Family Fun Day Celebration	Sunday 22 nd September after 11.15am Mass	St Finbarr's, Aylesham

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The rosary and bible study groups are taking a summer break, and both will return on Thursday 5th September.

CATECHISM: THE HOLY MASS EXPLAINED

FAITH MATTERS: *A Catholic, who says that he/she loves Christ would not fail to love the Mass. To love the Mass does not mean just being present and nothing more; it means to be present with faith and devotion and to*



take part actively in the Mass realizing that it is the Sacrifice of the Cross being renewed on the altar. Participation in the Mass involves basically our faith. Without faith, all that one would see on the altar is just bread and wine; just gestures, symbols, and nothing more. It is only through faith, we acknowledge that at the consecration of the bread and wine, they are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If one would come for Mass without faith, the person would easily feel bored or get distracted. Without faith, one would fail to understand what Christ's death on the Cross would mean for us. Hence Faith is the most required disposition when we come to participate in the Mass.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Chris Quinn, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Barbara Monclus, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy,.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Aileen Hayes, Kitty Phelan, Mary Merrin, Val Deary, Mabel Thatcher.

St Paul's: John Brennan, Trudy Thacker, Malcolm Warner, Ann Arthur, Anthony Casey, Sherry Carney, Ena Samitowska, Mike McCarthy, Annie Wilson, John Tollan, Iris Yvonne Guy, William George Precious, Margaret Leat, Mary Hebdon.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 27th July	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 28th July	11.15am	Mass for Father Godwin's 6th Priestly Ordination Anniversary
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOTA	Wednesday 31st July	10.15am	Mass for Peace in the World
	Saturday 3rd August	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 4th August	11.15am	Mass for Vocations/ Ordinations in Europe
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 27th July	10am 2pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Father John Panario (Moya) Altar Servers training and meeting Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Monsignor Canon O'Toole (Kay)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 28th July	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Edward McCue Jr RIP (Mum, Dad & Family) NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass in the Hall Mass for 90-year-olds followed by a reception for them and their families in the hall. Fr Godwin's 6th Priestly Ordination Anniversary Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINTS MARY, MARTHA, & LAZARUS	Monday 29th July	10am	Mass for Father Leo's Birthday
SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS	Tuesday 30th July	10am	Mass for John & Mary Austen 'F'
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOTA	Wednesday 31st July	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Holy Souls Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINT ALPHONSUS	Thursday 1st August	10am	Ordinariate Mass for G/E Father Jamie (Tina Irving-James)
SAINT EUSEBUS OF VERCELLI	Friday 2nd August	10am	Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert)
	Saturday 3rd August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sick Parishioners Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Catherine O'Brien 'F'
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 4th August	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for People of the Parish NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass in the Hall Mass for Deacon Barry's Birthday (Jane Francis) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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